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SUMMARY

This paper provides emissions data relative to Ohio SIP TSP rulemaking concerning Rule OAC 3745-17-11(E) for coke quenching. The proposed rule would require Ohio coke plants to equip quench towers with an interior baffle system which is designed and maintained in accordance with good engineering practices. The existing SIP requires Ohio quench towers to meet a process weight based particulate mass emissions limit.

Coke quench towers are circular or rectangular structures used to draft the steam plume and resulting emissions away from the immediate area of the tower. Incandescent coke from a coke oven is pushed into a rail car which travels to the quench tower where water is applied to cool the coke sufficiently to permit the subsequent processing of the coke and to prevent the coke from being further oxidized. Typically, about 12 tons of coke are quenched in 90 seconds with 6-9,000 gallons of water. The cycle is repeated every 10 or 15 minutes after another oven is pushed. Quench towers emit water vapor, steam, water droplets, heated air and particulate and other matter. The latter are emitted as breeze or coarse "grit" (undersized, unagglomerated coke particles), and as fine salts.

Particulate emissions are generated by the fracture of the coke material, and by the emission of salts dissolved in both fine and coarse water droplets created by the quenching process. Particulate testing of quench towers has been conducted at towers in California (1), Texas (1), Indiana (2), New York (2), Ohio (1), Hamilton, Ontario (2), and in Pennsylvania (1). Quench towers present difficult sampling problems due to their high moisture contents, short quenching durations, non-linear flows, and difficult and dangerous physical access. Quench tower emissions have been measured by methods which adequately reduce the effects of many of these problems in only a portion of these tests. Uniform testing and sample recovery procedures, careful definition of process conditions (i.e., baffle and tower design, spray method, coke greennes, water quality), the use of continuous flow rate instrumentation and the use of cyclone precutters to catch much of the problem water droplets and large particulates are important aspects of an adequate quench tower test.

Tests at U.S. Steel, Lorain, Ohio (1975), U.S. Steel, Gary, Indiana No. 3 (1979), U.S. Steel, Gary, Indiana No. 3 (1979), Dominion Foundry and Steel, Co. Ltd. (DOFASCO) (1977 and 1981) were conducted using similar and adequate methodology however process conditions vary between sites. These tests provide the data base for the analysis presented here.

The results of the relevant tests to date are as follows:

Test	TDS Level Quench Water (mg/1)	Front Half Emission Rates 1b/ton Coal
USSC/Lorain-'76	1050 9850	1.46 2.73
DOFASCO '77	400	0.27
USSC/Gary No. 3	446 1588 466 1404	0.33 0.43 0.32 0.64 Jalusear 0.64 Jalusear 0.70 0.880
DOFASCO '81	T464	0.64 Late \$ 880°
Inlet	510	1.19
Outlet		0.34
Outlet	2270	0.48
Inlet	8850	5.32
Outlet		1.39

All of these tests indicate that (1) quench water quality has a significant effect on air emissions, and (2) that a linear relationship exists between air emissions and TDS in the quench water. Significant particulate control can be accomplished by utilizing one of several baffle designs, (e.g., multidirectional, CarlStill "A" Frame,* etc.). The towers tested met the following minimum specifications:

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^{*}With off-set tower design.

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- Baffles must cover 95 percent of tower's cross-sectional area
- Baffle should be placed in the upper two-thirds of the tower
- A spray system should be used to remove particulate buildup
- Inspection of the baffles and cleaning system should be conducted monthly.

Statistical analysis of the air emissions and TDS related values has been conducted and plots for each of the towers tested has been prepared. In some cases the plots have been combined based on similarities between towers. Present and potential emission rates from quench towers in Ohio which use quench water composed of flushing liquor and do not use "clean water quenching", (i.e., 1,500 mg/1 TDS) are shown in Table 1. These emissions rates were developed using the following alternatives: (1) status quo, no change, (2) requiring no water quality change but requiring multi-row baffles, (3) requiring water quality of 1500 mg/1 and multi-row baffles.

TABLE 1. QUENCH TOWER EMISSION RATES

Plant	TPY Status quo (present)	TPY if: Install multidirectional baffles	TPY if: Improve quench water 1500 mg/1 TDS	TPY Install multi- directional baffles quench water 1500 mg/1 TDS
Jones & Laughlin	1500	1500	480	480
RSC/Youngstown	1740	860	340	250
RSC/Warren	1440	710	280	210
USSC/Lorain	2385	1630	1400	600
TOTALS	7065	4700	2500	1570
% Reduction	****	33%	65%	78%

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I. PURPOSE

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· This paper provides information concerning coke plant quench tower air emission rates, methods of control, and applicability to specific locations in Ohio. These data are developed to assist U.S. EPA and Ohio EPA in understanding the impact of regulating quench tower emissions.

These issues relate to the Total Suspended Particulate (TSP) plan for Ohio. Other quench tower emissions which also occur are not the subject of this paper. Ohio has adopted and submitted to U.S. EPA a proposed SIP revision, which would replace the existing Federal SIP process weight mass emission limit with an obligation to install an interior baffle system which is designed and maintained in accordance with good engineering practices. The rulemaking is in the "proposed notice of rulemaking" stage. Ohio EPA seeks data on costs and emission rates from various quenching control methods. In a letter to U.S. EPA dated January 5, 1982, the Director of the Ohio agency stated:

"With respect to coke quench towers, we understand that the U.S. EPA will be disapproving paragraph (b)(4) of OAC rule 3745-17-11 primarily because it does not require the use of "clean water" (approximately 1500 mg/1 TDS) for quenching. U.S. EPA believes that the definition of RACT in Ohio for coke quench towers must address the quality of the quench water.

The U.S. EPA will provide technical information to the Ohio EPA to support the recommended RACT definition for coke quench towers. If upon review of that data the Ohio EPA determines that the U.S. EPA position is both technically and economically defendable, the Ohio EPA will proceed to revise paragraph (B)(4) to reflect the U.S. EPA's definition of RACT."

This paper is intended to provide these data.

II. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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A. PHYSICAL ASPECTS OF QUENCHING

Coke quenching is a process used to cool incandescent coke which has just emerged from a coke oven at a temperature of approximately 2000°F to below the ignition temperature of carbon in air (about 1200°F). Quenching normally cools the coke to about 200-400°F. Currently, almost all coke batteries in the United States quench coke with large amounts of water sprayed in a wet quench tower. Quench towers are either circular or rectangular structures and consist of two basic components: the quench tower itself and the water sump as shown in Figure 1.

After the coke is pushed from the oven, it is carried by quench car to the tower. About 15 to 30 seconds after the car enters the tower, the spray system, generally located a few feet above the top of the quench car, is started. Water spraying lasts 2 to 3 minutes and may be continuous throughout the quench or intermittent with alternating periods of 30 seconds to 1 minute of water on/water off. Quench towers emit water vapor, steam, droplets, heated air, particulates and other materials. Particulates are emitted as breeze (undersized, unagglomerated coke particles), as coarse "grit," and as fine salts. The estimated causes of such emissions are:

- The fracture of the coke material into a powder which is carried up the tower in the heated rush of water, steam, and air.
- 2. The emission of dissolved salts in both fine and coarse water droplets created by the quenching process.

After the quench is completed, the quench car leaves the tower and moves along the track to the coke wharf.

Water for the quenching operation is stored in the sump. The water is pumped from the sump to the holding tank located on a platform on the tower. It then flows from the tank to the sprayers by gravity. As the water is sprayed on the coke, some is lost to the atmosphere through evaporation and droplet entrainment. The remainder of the water drains back to the sump.

Water is added to the sump as necessary to replace the loss. This makeup water may consist of fresh water from a river or lake or process effluent from other parts of the plant, such as the byproducts plant, the blast furnace, or the coke plant.

Figure 1 also presents a water mass balance for the quench tower. As shown in the diagram, about 380 to 760 gallons of water per ton of coke is sprayed on the coke. Depending on the baffle configuration and spray method, 15 to 40 percent is lost to the atmosphere. Most of the remaining water runs off the coke and back to the sump through a return ditch (sump return). Small amounts are carried out with the coke and lost to the environment through runoff and are lost through evaporation from the sump and spray header tank.

The reader should note the distinction between makeup water and quench water. In past studies, both of these streams have been used to relate water quality to particulate emissions, and each has its particular advantage. In this paper, all relationships between water quality and particulate emissions are based on quench water. This approach is based on the following two observations: (1) particulate emissions are more directly related to quench water quality; and (2) quench water quality can typically be more easily monitored than makeup water quality.

B. SOURCES OF QUENCHING MAKEUP WATER

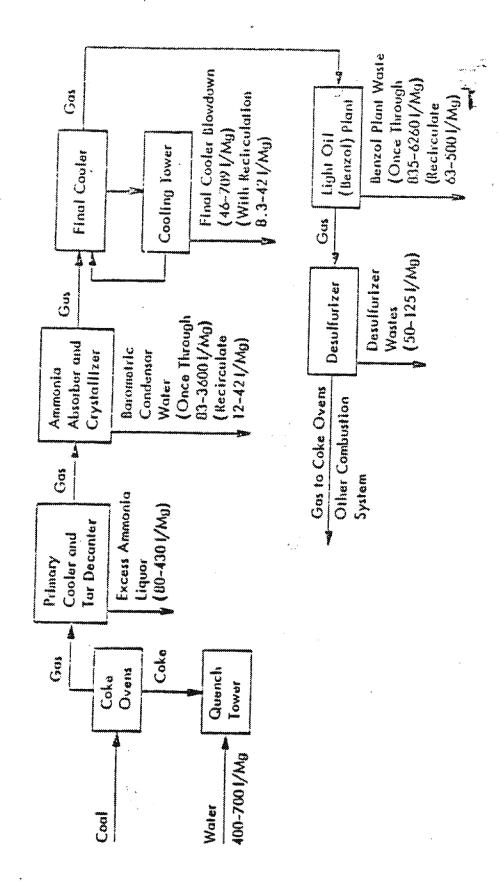
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Sources of makeup water to the quench tower include effluent streams from the byproducts plant, blowdown from larry car or pushing scrubber systems, other plant cooling waters, and local surface or ground waters. Figure 2 shows waste streams from a typical byproduct plant. Typical volumetric flow rates and contaminant levels for these waste streams are shown in Table 2.

The flushing liquor used in the collector mains to cool the "foul gas" produced during the coal carbonization process also serves as the carrying medium, to the byproducts plant, for those products condensed during this cooling step. These condensed materials contain ammonia (existing in both the water, weak liquor, and gas that form part of the volatile products formed during carbonization) in two forms classified as "free" and "fixed."



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Figure 2. Origin of major coke plant waste streams.

RAW WASTEWATER ANALYSIS FOR COKE BYPRODUCT RECOVERY PLANTS^a TABLE 2.

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Miscellaneous 238 Wastes (29-350)	238	%	*	W/W	M/A	**	W/A	*	*/*	¥	W/W	×/×	*	«

Unless otherwise indicated, data were compiled from Reference 2.

Values are average of the "best" plants with respect to water recirculation as determined in Reference 30. Humbers in parentheses

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The free ammonia is that which is readily dissociated by heat, i.e., ammonium carbonates, sulphide, and cyanide, while the fixed ammonia is that which requires the presence of a strong alkali to effect displacement of the ammonia from the compound in which it is present, such as ammonium chloride, thiocyanate, ferrocyanide, sulphate, etc.

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Contaminated barometric condenser water results from the direct contact of cooling water with vapors released in the crystalizing and concentrating of ammonium sulfate by vacuum evaporation. The result is a waste stream containing cyanides, phenols, naphthalene, and free and emulsified oils.

Final cooler blowdown comprises the water condensed from the gas stream and the spray water used in the direct contact cooling of the gas stream. The amount of blowdown is dependent upon the degree of recirculation of the spray water. The final cooler water contains cyanogen compounds, phenolics, and light oils. Data indicate that final cooler effluent has low concentrations of total dissolved solids.

Light oil (Benzol) plant wastewater will vary according to the extent of light oil recovery. Condensed steam from stripping operations and cooling waters consitute the bulk of the waste stream. Light oil wastewaters contain phenol, cyanide, ammonia, and oil.

One additional wastewater source from the byproducts plant is the discharge from the wet method desulfurizers used by some plants to reduce the sulfur content of the coke oven gas. Few data are available on the types of pollutants associated with these streams.

Scrubber effluent from charging and pushing systems may also be used as makeup. Available data suggest that these streams have low levels of dissolved solids, but that they have very high levels of finely divided suspended particles.

Data on flow rates and solids levels for each of the potential makeup streams are presented in Table 3.

C. REGULATION OF COKE QUENCH TOWER EMISSIONS

Regulation of air emissions has historically been focused on (1) the total outlet emission rate, proper; or (2) the control of the inputs to a

TABLE 3. SOURCES OF QUENCH TOWER MAKEUP WATER

Water source	Quantity of water available for quenching £ H ₂ O/Mg coke ^a	Total dissolved solids (TOS), mg/2	Total suspended soTyds (TSS) mg/2
Excess ammonia liquor	79-430 (160)	15,875 ^b	59 [¢]
Final cooler blowdown		•	**
Once through Recirculated	46-625 (378) ^d 8.3-42 (38)	262 e 840 e	40° 40°
Benzol plant	· ·	w / u	40
Once through Recirculated	625 63-500 (72)	1,054 ^b 1,054 ^b	67 ^C 67 ^C
Barometric condenser			U 7
Once through Recirculated	83-625 (625) ^d 12-42 (46)	NA [†] NA	NA
Scrubber blowdown	• - •	100	NA
Charging Pushing	21-104 ⁹ 6251 420 ⁹	NA 450 ¹	9,200 ⁹ 3,202
Other noncontact cooling Water blowdown	625	***	2,260 ^g
Matural water sources Lake Erie	***	5101	32 ¹
Lake Michigan Ohio/Mahoming River ava	625 625 625	170 ^j 160 j	NA NA
Allegheny/Monongahela River, avg.	625 625	180 []] 373 ^j	NA NA
ypical industrial, avg.	625	42-435 (171) ^k	NA

Unless otherwide stated, ranges were obtained from Reference 2, pp. 37-41.
Averages shown in parentheses are based on the data from responses to Section 114 information requests. Maximum water use is assumed to be

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Reference 3.

c Reference 2, pp. 42-45.

d Average of high and low values from Reference 2, pp. 37-41.

e Reference 5.

MA - data not available.

g Reference 9.

Reference 10.

Based on average of all plants, Reference 2, p. 46.

Reference 11.

Based on average TDS level in public water supply for 20 cites in which coke plants are located.

quench tower system (i.e., water quality); or (3) the type of system used (i.e., baffle design). To enforce the emission rate regulation, a method for compliance testing is required. Testing of quench tower air emissions is expensive.* A method for testing quench towers is not specified in the current Ohio SIP, leaving the Agency to use "the appropriate procedures and methods of PART 60," as the testing guide. (This language is derived from 40 CFR Part 50.12(c); and refers to 40 CFR Part 60, Appendix A, the EPA's New Source Performance Standards testing section.) Therein is found a technique, "Method 5," which is not directly applicable to quench towers (all recent tests have used a modified version of Method 5). More importantly, Method 5 is not directly useable at some Ohio towers because the baffles are so high in these towers that testing cannot physically be performed. J&L's Campbell Works is one such plant.

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Nevertheless, a modified test method can be specified, as the experiences from the work conducted at DOFASCO, Gary and Lorain show. This is exactly what EPA stated in its rulemaking on the Michigan iron and steel SIP (46FR27923-5/22/81).

Regulations of the first two types, (2) and (3) above, which focus upon the variables which affect quenching emissions, bypassing the highly technical, costly, and sometimes impractical direct testing approach, have been undertaken to limit quench tower emissions. Examples of these are:

- Illinois in 1972 required that all coke quenching operations be "enclosed."
- In 1979, Indiana limited total dissolved solids (TDS) to a specific value, 1,500 mg/l, for tower make-up water.
- Allegheny County, PA eliminated the use of contaminated wastewater from quenching operations, requiring the use of water of the same quality as is dischargable to the nearest river (on the order of 750 mg/l).
- Ohio (removing the process weight rule from its own code), requires the use of baffles.

^{*}Of the projects discussed in this paper, none have been tested for less than \$100,000.

Associating a specific air emission rate with this form of coke quench tower emissions regulation is difficult because variables other than those specified in the regulation may also influence emissions. For instance, two towers may both use multidirectional baffles per some legal requirement, but may not have the same emission rate because the two towers use different methods of quenching or because the two towers have different exit velocities.

D. COMPLIANCE ALTERNATIVES

1. Baffles

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A baffle is a set of wooden, plastic, stainless steel, or other corrosion resistant surfaces placed in a tower to impede the emission of particulates and droplets. Figure 3 shows typical baffle arrangements. They may take a variety of forms but generally are of two types—either as a single horizontal row or a multiple row of baffles. The single row can be placed in a number of angles settings and the spacing between rows also varies widely. The multiple row baffles can either be one where two or more single rows are placed above one another in opposing directions, or, as in the case of DOFASCO '81, a baffle specifically manufactured to control water droplets was installed. This manufactured removal device is not the typical 2 x 10 inch wooden plank placed 6 to 10 inches apart at angles of 45° but a mist eliminator wherein water droplets and particles must enter through 1/2 inch openings and change directions more than four times within 12 inches before exiting.

Other than the manufactured baffles by the Munters Company and the "A"-frame design by Carl Still, most baffles are presently constructed of wood. The design of a noncommercial baffle system must be such that several rows, are placed approximately 45° in opposing directions and are positioned such that each plank is less than 6 inches (end to end) apart allowing an overlap for each plank (assuming use of 10 x 12 inch planks). Ninety five (95) percent of the tower's cross-sectional area should be covered. The baffles should be placed in the upper two-thirds of the tower and a spray system should be used to clean the baffles. The entire system should also be

Harizontal, Lapped Horizontal, Staggered Single Louver Opposed Louvers Crossed Louven Chevron A - Frome Still/Drave Design

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Figure 3. Typical baffle configurations.

inspected monthly to check on baffle condition, particle buildup, and apray cleaning equipment operation.

A possible definition of a high efficiency baffle system, based on the results from the DOFASCO '81 tests, would be one that meets or exceeds the 70 percent removal efficiency. Present information shows that several designs are capable of this efficiency or have outlet emission rates consistent with the DOFASCO '81 results.

Water Quality and Treatment Controls

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The quality of water used for quenching is one of the specific factors which affects emission rates. The phrase "clean water quenching" refers to the spraying of coke with water containing low TDS (<1,500 mg/l) concentrations. The main source of high TDS water (>1,500 mg/l) is a waste stream known as the "flushing liquor," which is generated in the coking process. This wastewater is derived from the coal and contains 5 to 10 percent water by weight. When heated in a coke oven, this water is driven off and collected in the byproduct collection main. This wastewater contains chlorides, sulfates, ammonia, cyanides, and many other organic species. Coke plants traditionally had disposed of this liquor as part of the make-up water to a quench tower. Since make-up water needs (approximately 100 gallons/ton coal) exceed fushing liquor generation by a factor of three, plants using flushing liquor as a quenchant will usually use all of it for that purpose. If this waste liquid is barred from quenching use, it still needs disposition some place. The other available methods are: (1) direct disposal to a receiving body; (2) treatment of NH3, CN, and phenol, and then disposal to a receiving body); (3) dispose of contaminated process water to a municipal wastewater plant.

Treatment of these chemical species usually requires installation of equipment (ammonia stills and biological oxidation plants), which also oxidizes other organic components, as well. Pretreatment requirements at the coke plant still may impose disposal costs, however, it is probable that municipal plants will not accept these wastes.

If wastewater is used for quenching, its use may produce severe corrosion of a plants steelworks. Although it is difficult to show that avoiding this problem itself justifies the cost of water treatment, many plants have abandoned the practice of "dirty water" quenching. A little over 50 percent of the coke produced in the United States is quenched with "dirty water" based on available DSSE data.

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III. RELEVANT PARTICULATE MASS EMISSIONS TEST DATA

Quench towers present difficult sampling problems due to their high moisture contents, short quenching durations, nonlinear flows, and difficult physical access. Quench tower emissions have been measured by methods which reduce the effects of these problems only since 1976. The tests listed on and summarized in the appendix are ones which the Agency believes satisfy the measurement problems stated above. These tests were performed on the outlet (atmospheric) side of the baffled towers by methods developed specifically for these quench towers. They are:

Source	Date of test	Tester
U.S. Steel, Lorain	9-10/76	Contractor for EPA (York Research
U.S. Steel, Gary No. 3	12/79	Contractor for U.S. Steel (TRC)
U.S. Steel, Gary No. 5	12/79	Contractor U.S. Steel (TRC)
DOFASCO*	9/79	Contractor for DOFASCO
DOFASCO	10/81	Contractor for EPA (GCA/Technology)

The results of these tests indicated to the Agency the magnitude of quench tower emissions and the process variables that affect these rates. These are some of the more important factors which are known or believed to affect quench tower emission rates:

<u>Variable</u>	Probable ef	fect
Greeness of coke	Greener coke means more emissi	ons.
TDS level	Emissions increase linearly wi	th TDS concentration.

^{*}Dominion Foundry and Steel Co., Ltd., Hamilton, Ontario.

Variable	Probable effect
Tower design	Emissions increase as velocity of exhaus increases because of a "carryover" effect.
Spray method	"LoMo" quenching (i.e., streaming water deep into the coke bed produces more emissions than top spraying).
Baffles	Lower emissions if a multidirectional baffle is used rather than a single row however a single row baffle produces less emissions than no baffles at all.

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These tests were conducted over a variety of conditions at each plant but not over the entire domain of each variable. For instance, the Gary tests were conducted in the 500 to 2,100 mg/l TDS range while the DOFASCO '77 tests were conducted at the lower end of this range. The Lorain tests spanned 500 to 13,000 mg/l. These data were used to develop for each practical Ohio condition (i.e., tower type, baffle type, quench water quality) a predictive formula relating emissions, Q (lb/ton coal) to water quality (TDS-mg/l) of the form:

Q (1b/ton coal) = A + B (TDS-mg/1)

The constants A + B, respectively, contain the technical influences of the nonwater related factors and the water and tower related factors based on linear regression analysis.

Table 4 shows the three cases that have been developed from the existing data base. Table 5 shows the towers that are affected versus which towers these conclusions are based upon.

The Lorain tower, which the steel industry has asserted produces unrepresentative "high" emission rates as a result of an alleged "carryover" effect due to velocities in excess of those found in the other towers tested, may produce higher emissions than from larger similarly baffled towers. Thus, the constant, A, would be expected to be larger for Lorain. Lorain is an example of a fast/single row baffle tower.

Case A--Uncontrolled

Q = (1b/ton coal) = 1.22 + 0.000411 (TDS) Inlet to Baffles

r = 0.860

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DOFASCO '81

Ranges-Emissions 0.42 - 6.69 TDS 490 - 11,900

Case B--Controlled/Multidirectional Baffles

Q = (1b/ton coal) = 0.296 + 0.000107 (TDS) DOFASCO '77 and '81

r = 0.724

Gary #3

Ranges--Emissions 0.20 - 2.01 TDS 400 - 11,900

Case C--Controlled/Single Row Baffles--Slow Tower

Q = (1b/ton coal) = 0.249 + 0.000245 (TDS) Gary #5

r = 0.724

Ranges--Emissions 0.29 - 0.75 TDS 452 - 1,800

Case D--Controlled/Single Baffles-Fast Tower

Q = (1b/ton coal) = 1.31 + 0.000144 (TDS) Lorain

r = 1

Ranges: Emissions 0.75 - 5.97 TDS 500 - 13,000

Note: It should be noted that TDS was determined in all of these studies using an evaporation temperature of 103 to 105°C and not 180°C.

Q * Emissions; front half EPA Method 5 particulates, 1b/ton coal changed (wet).

TDS = Total dissolved solids (mg/1).

TABLE	5. QUENCH TOWER TY	PES
Туре	Affected other facilities	Similar towers studied
Rectangular		
Approximately 50 to 80 ft high Outlet40 x 20 ft Single row wooden Baffles @ 45° Slow velocity	RSC/Youngstown Warren USSC/Lorain	Gary No. 5 Gary No. 5 Gary No. 5 DOFASCO '77-multi- directional baffles DOFASCO '81-multi- directional baffles
Circular		
Approximately 100 to 130 ft high 12 to 20 ft dia Single/multidirectional Wooden baffles High velocity	Jones & Lauglin USSC/Lorain	Lorain
Offset		
Approximately 110 ft high Outlet 25 x 25 ft Brick base-flow Diverted into wooden tower "A" frame plastic baffles Slow-medium velocity	ej P	Gary No. 3
Velocity ranges— Slow 0 to 12 fps Medium 12 to 20 fps High 20 fps and up	·	

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The multidirectional baffled, fast towers at J&L's plant require the use of other elements of the data base. Particularly relevant are the multidirectional baffle data of Gary No. 3 (but on a slow tower), DOFASCO '81 (see next subsection), and Lorsin. The Gary No. 3 tower is of an "offset" tower design so that its outlet emission rate reflects its baffles and tower design.

The simpler single row, slow towers of RSC required particular attention to the Gary No. 5 slow tower data. However, as consideration was given to its possible emission rates with multidirectional baffles, the DOFASCO '81 data were also used.

The relevant data collected by EPA through the end of the summer of 1981 is as shown in Table 6.

TABLE 6. DATA COLLECTED PRIOR TO FALL 1981

Test	TDS level of quench water	Modified Method 5 front half emission rate
DOFASCO-177	400 mg/l	0.27 lb/ton coal
Gary No. 3 179	446 mg/l 1,588 mg/l	0.33 lb/ton coal 0.43 lb/ton coal
Gary No. 5 '79	466 mg/l 1,404 mg/l	0.32 lb/ton coal 0.64 lb/ton coal
Lorain '76	1,050 mg/1 9,850 mg/1	1.46 lb/ton coal 2.73 lb/ton coal

A. DOFASCO TESTS, 1981

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In the fall of 1981, tests were conducted at another DOFASCO quench tower by an EPA contractor. The purpose of this program was to test baffle efficiency, to acquire particulate emission rates, and to study these over a range of TDS concentrations. The test included:

(1) Simultaneous modified Method 5 sampling performed above and below a set of multidirectional baffles. Inlet and outlet emission rates were therefore measured.

(2) Size distribution tests of the emissions on both sides of the baffles.

1. Results

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For each part of the TDS spectrum, both above and below the baffles, both front half and full train results are reported for the DOFASCO '81 tests. The results are divided into two groups. The "inlet" results represent the uncontrolled, raw emission rate (if the baffles were not present). The outlet results represent controlled emissions (after the baffles). The summary of these results follows:

(1) At TDS levels of about 8,850 mg/l:

Uncontrolled	Controlled
5.32 lb/ton	1.39 lb/ton

(2) At TDS levels of about 510 mg/1:

<u>Uncontrolled</u>	* 4	<u>Controlled</u>
1.19 lb/ton	er.	0.34 1b/ton

Results from the DOFASCO '81 tests are shown in Table 7.

B. ANALYSIS OF QUENCH TOWER TEST DATA

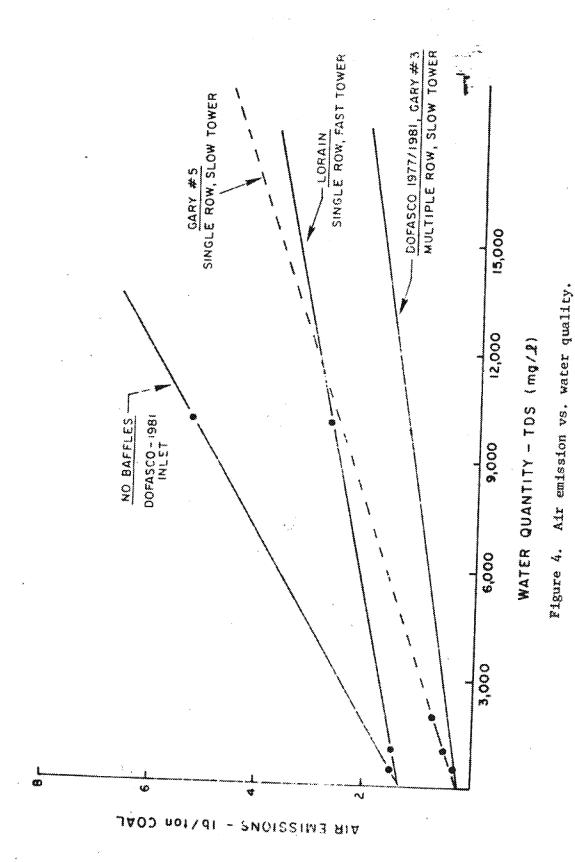
These data are presented below in the form of a graph (Figure 4) which display these data in the form of plots of air emission rate against TDS concentration. This graph shows these major points:

(1) Water quality (TDS quench water) is an independent variable affecting air emission rates.

TABLE 7. QUENCH TOWER EMISSION KATE SUMMARY: DOFASCO-1981 TOWER NO. 1 [POUNDS PER TON OF COAL CHARGED (1b/t coal)]

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	Ţ	est series	Quench water TDS (mg/1)	Cyclone with nozzle	Front half without cyclone	Front half total	Back half	Full train
	I.	Inlet uncontrolled		0.93	0.26	1.19	0,12	1.25
		Outlet controlled	510	0.26	0.08	0.34	0.17	1.47
	II.	Outlet ^a controlled	2270	0.42	0.06	0,48	0.40	0.88
	III.	Inlet uncontrolled		3.96	1.36	5.32	0.55	5.87
		Outlet controlled	8850	0.66	0.73	1.39	0.77	2.16
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^{*}Outlet testing only.



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- (2) A linear relationship exists between air emissions and TDS in the Lorain data set over the range 500 to 13,000 mg/1 TDS. The slope of the Lorain curve is consistent with the Gary-DOFASCO '77 data set in the 400 to 2,000 mg/l range.
- (3) The Lorain curve is offset upwards from the Gary curve, as a result of the combination of factors listed at the outset of Section II.
- (4) At low TDS concentrations, the variability of specific data points around the best fit regression line is considerable. This suggests that such variables as spray method tower design, etc., influence air emissions, each a relatively small amount. (The value of which is not known due to the small data base and the expenses needed to determine them.) This conclusion is reflected in different values for the A constant, discussed previously.

Collectively, these points suggest a basis for regulating air emissions via specifications of quench water quality, and in the type of tower and quenching used.

Conclusions

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Technical Implications of these Data

- (1) Inlet test results (underneath the baffles) shown in Figure 4 vary from 1.19 1b/ton to 5.32 1b/ton, depending on quench water TDS concentration. Since the inlet results are virtually the same as those that would occur in an unbaffled tower, the inlet measurement is a measure of emissions from an uncontrolled tower.
- (2) Uncontrolled rates plainly increase as the dissolved solids in the water increase. The "outlet" curve of Figure 4 shows three points connected by a straight line indicating that even with these baffles, emissions are still linearly dependent on quench water TDS. This is the same conclusion as was reached from a study of the pre-DOFASCO '81 tests.
- (3) Baffle efficiency ranged from 71 percent to 74 percent.* The implication of this result is that baffle

*Lower TDS series (510 mg/1 TDS)
$$\frac{\text{Inlet} - \text{Outlet}}{\text{Inlet}} \times 100 = \%$$

$$\frac{1.19 - 0.34}{1.19} \times 100 = 71\%$$
Higher TDS series (9,850 mg/1 TDS)
$$\frac{5.32 - 1.39}{5.32} \times 100 = 74\%$$

efficiency is independent of the salt concentration of the droplets formed during quenching.

- (4) These results indicate that it seems reasonable to conclude for Ohio towers that the compliance air emission rate (based on a "modified method 5" front half test method) of 0.75 to 0.90 lb/ton of coal was achievable if TDS levels were reduced to the vicinity of 1,500 mg/l of quench water. The essential specific facts giving rise to this conclusion are that the Gary No. 3 and No. 5 baffled towers were tested at make-up quench water TDS concentration of approximately 1,500 mg/l and produced an air emission rate of less than 0.45 and 0.65 lb/ton of coal, respectively.
- (5) All baffles do not behave identically. The Gary No. 5 tests indicate an emission of 0.64 lb/ton at 1404 mg/l; while DOFASCO '81 data indicate 0.48 lb/ton at 2270 mg/l. The same measurement techniques were used and the towers are similar.

Differences in baffle design exist and these may lead to an air emission rate of 3.2 lb/ton at 8850 mg/l using the single row calculation from Table 4 whereas the multidirectional baffle system at DOFASCO produced actual emissions of 1.19 lb/ton. At even higher levels, e.g., 12,000 mg/l TDS, the baffles differences could be accentuated.

All baffles therefore are not of the same effectiveness and care is needed in specifying the type which would be needed in decisions based on baffle solutions.

IV. APPLICATION OF EMISSIONS DATA TO OHIO COKE PLANTS

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There are nine coke plants in Ohio affected by the SIP rulemaking. These are listed in Table 8. Estimating their emission rate requires knowledge of the type of tower, baffle, method of spraying, and water quality. These, and other basic description facts are shown in this table and in Table 5. Note that in the Ohio area, there are a variety of quench tower configurations.

The results of all the emission tests reported in Section II are summarized in the emissions formulae of Table 4, along with the basis for each formula. These formulae are then used to develop the emissions for each of the principal plants affected by this rulemaking decision, shown in Table 9.

Several control strategies are illustrated in these tables.

- o Improve baffles without modifying water quality. Usually this means installing well-designed, multidirectional baffles.
- Quench with clean water without replacing the baffles or changing the tower design. TDS of 1500 mg/l is assumed for quench water quality. This strategy means contaminated water must otherwise be disposed of elsewhere.
- o Improve both baffles and quench water (multidirectional baffles and 1500 mg/l TDS quench water).

Table 10 show the effective emission rates associated with the four affected Ohio plants, as a result of these strategies. Note that in the aggregate emission rates are on the order of ten thousand tons per year (10,000 tpy) now (at capacity). The table also indicates the aggregated reductions which would occur under the above three scenarios for the plants shown in Table 8.

TABLE 8. OHIO COKE OVEN FACILITIES—AFFECTED BY THE OHIO TSP DECISION

Fiant/location blast furnace coke	Battery designation	Startup	No. of ovens per battery	No. of towers	Quenci circumstances
ARMO: Steel, Hemilton Plant, Hamilton, Ohio	No. 1	Rebuild 1961	45	1	Tower type unknown. Baffles stainless
* announced for closure	No. 2 No. 3	1938 rehab 1976	15		ateeltwo rows10" high. Clean Water
	No. 4	1941 rehab 1977	25		Quenching (i.e., full treatment of su.
· , **	MO. 4	1947 reheb 1978	26		liquor). TDS-N.A. Assumed to be less than 1,500 mg/l.
J&L Steel, Campbell Works,	No. 7	1954	76	2	,
Campbell, Ohio	No. 9	1958	76	*	Round Brick Tower(s) 31 m high6.3 m diameter four rows of wooden baffles at opposing 65°extension to brick atack TDS approximately 14,000 mg/l.
Republic Steel, Mahoning Valley District, Warren, Uhio	No. 4	1979	79	i	Rectangular Tower 15.5 m x 18.5 m x 6 m. Single row wooden baffles at 45° approximately 16.32 of total quench water volume is process wastewater.
Republic Steel, Cleveland	Plant No. 1				TUS-N.A.
District, Cleveland, Ohio	No. 1	11/76	51	2	State of the state
	No. 2	1958 (rehab 1972)	51	*	Rectangular tower(a) 15.5 m x 18.5 m x
	No. 3	1958 (rehab 1972)	51		6 m. Single row wooden baffles
	No. 4	1952 (rehab 1972)	51		approximately 62.11 of rotal quench water volume is process wastewater. TDS-533 mg/l.
	Plant No. 2				though magit.
	No. 6	1952 (rehab 1979)	63	1	6m
	No. 7	1952 (rehab 1979)	63	*	Round brick tower. No data on baffle type 26.3% of total quench water volume is process wastewaterrecirculated dirry quench water IDS-N.A.
Republic Works, Youngstown	À	1950 (1949)	38	2	92
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	c ·	1950 (rebuild 1962)	59		baffles at 45° 11.11 of total quench water volume is process waste water—recirculated dirty quench water TD5-N.A. Assumed to be 1500 mg/1.
U.S. Steel, Lorein Plent,	E	1956 (rehab 1977)	59	5	•
Lorain. Ohio	Ħ	1955 (rehab 1978)	59	•	3-round brick towers 37 m high, 4.7 m
	ĭ	1955 (rehab 1979)	59		diameter. Single row wooden baffles at 45"located at base of tower.
	J	1947 (rehab 1970)	59		2 rectangular balab amount to
	K.L.D	(scheduled for shutdown)	59		2-rectangular brick rowers 15.5 m x 18.5 x 6 m. Single row wooden baffles at 45° 72.8% of rotal quench volume
			¥ ,		from process wastewater-recirculated dirty quench water. TDS - 9000 mg/l.

Table 9

for the Affected Ohlo Facilities Emission Rate Scenarios

	Jones & Laughlin	RSC Youngstown	RSC Warren	U.S. Steel Lorain
Production Rate tpd	2400 tpd	2000 tpd	1650 tpd	3200 tpd
mtpy	0.88 mm	0.73 mm	0.60	1.17 mm
Current TDS mg/1	14,000	12,000	12,000	10,000
Current Emissions 1b/t. coal	1.79 - 3.33	3.194	3,194	2.736
tpy	1170 - 2180	1740	1440	2385
Install Multi-Directional Baffles lb/t. coal tpy	1.79 - 3.33 ^{2,3} 1170 - 2180	1.58 ⁵ 860	1.58 ⁵ 710	$1.37 - 2.75^2$ $1200-2400$
Leave Existing Baffles in place - Quench Water to 1500 mg/l 1b/t. coal tpy	0.46 - 1.53 ² 300 - 1000	0.62 ⁴ 340	0.62 ⁴ 280	1.607
Install Multi-Directional Baffles Quench Water to 1500 mg/l 1b/t. coal tpy	$0.46 - 1.53^2$ $300 - 1000$	0.46 ⁵ 250	0.46 ⁵	$0.46 - 1.53^2$ $400-1330$

Available data shows RSC-Cleveland using 1500 mg/l TDS or less quench water

²Using Case B and Case D (for high velocity rates) Table 4 3 Already has multi-directional baffles

Using Case C, Table 4

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Table 10 Emission Rate Changes

Plant	Current Emissions	Replace with Multi-Directional	Improve Water Quality	3.4
Jones & Laughlin	1170-2180 ³	1170-2180 ³	300-1000 ³	Water @ 1500 mg/1 TD:
/ Change (mean value)	**************************************	20	74%-54%	675-772
RSC/Youngstown TPY	1740	860	340	250
/ Change	***************************************	51%	80%	86%
RSC/Warren TPY	1440	710	280	210
/ Change	The state of the s	51%	81%	828
USS Lorain TPY	2385	1200-2400 ³	1400	400-1330 ³
6 Change (mean value)	den ver inc.	25%	41%	10 mm
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U.S. Steel Lorain	3200 tpd	£ 21	10,000	2.736	2385	1.37 - 2.75	1.607	0.46 - 1.53 ²
RSC	1650 tpd	0.60 mm	12,000	3.194	1440	1.585	0.624	0.46 ⁵ 210
RSC Youngstown	2000 tpd	0.73 mm	12,000	3,194	1740	1,585 860	0.624	0,46 ⁵ 250
Jones & Laughlin	2400 tpd	0.88 nm	14,000	1.79 - 3.332	1170 - 2180	1.79 - 3.33 ² ,3 1170 - 2180	0.46 - 1.53 ² 300 - 1000	0.46 - 1.53 ² 300 - 1000
	Production Rate tpd	mtpy	Current TDS mg/1	Current Emissions 1b/t. coal	tpy	Install Multi-Directional Baffles 1b/t. coal tpy	Leave Existing Baffles in place - Quench Water to 1500 mg/l 1b/t. coal tpy	Install Multi-Directional Baffles Quench Water to 1500 mg/1 lb/t. coal tpy

Available data shows RSC-Cleveland using 1500 mg/l TDS or less quench water

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Note: For definitions of other operational and control and treatment codes, refer to Table VII-1.